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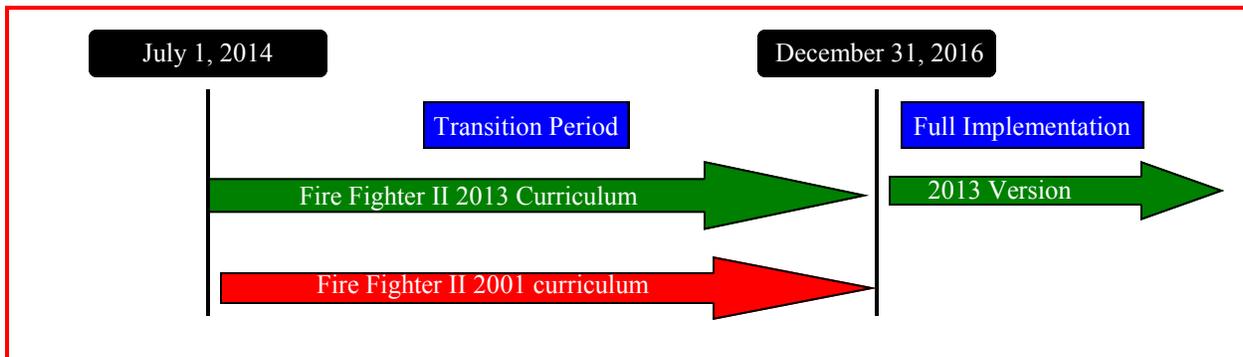
Fire Fighter II Certification Implementation of New Curriculum and Certification Requirements

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on changes to Fire Fighter II curriculum and certification requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

New Fire Fighter II (2013) will be phased in as the new Fire Fighter II curriculum for the California Fire Service Training and Education System. A new Certification Training Standard (CTS) and Course Plan has been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards which includes NFPA 1001, Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2013). The CTS and Course Plan are available on the SFT website.

Certification Examination: SFT has been pursuing accreditation from both IFSAC and Pro Board. A Certification Examination is required by IFSAC and Pro Board and includes both a written test and skills testing. Certification Examinations will become a standardized process statewide to insure uniformity and compliance with IFSAC and Pro Board requirements. The Certification Examination process has not yet been approved, but will be required for this new curriculum at a future date.

Fire Fighter II Curriculum Change Time Line



Task Books/Application Form: Implementation of the new Fire Fighter II (2013) requires that candidates complete a comprehensive task book. This task book covers all of the job performance requirements contained in the aforementioned professional qualification standards. A completed task book will replace the current Fire Fighter II training record. The task book will be made available to candidates, agencies, ARTPs and ALAs on the SFT website. Occupational experience will be verified by the Fire Chief or designee on file signing the task book upon completion. In addition a new application form will be implemented and will replace the current Scantron Fire Fighter II application form.

TRANSITION PERIOD **Effective July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2016**

SFT recognizes that during the transition period Fire Fighter II (2001) curriculum will need to be delivered as the Fire Fighter II (2013) edition will not yet be available. Stakeholders who have scheduled Fire Fighter II course deliveries and are not anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2016 should contact SFT to discuss curriculum options.

CURRENT FIRE FIGHTER II CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2017

Candidates pursuing Fire Fighter II Certification under the existing requirements and 2001 curriculum must complete all requirements including occupational experience, and submit their fees and applications to SFT prior to December 31, 2017.

COURSE PHASE OUT Effective December 31, 2016

Effective December 31, 2016 Fire Fighter II (2001) will no longer be delivered and the curriculum will be retired.

COURSE PREREQUISITE Effective July 1, 2014

Fire Fighter I certification continues to be a prerequisite for Fire Fighter II certification.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS Effective July 1, 2014

Instructor requirements for new Fire Fighter II (2013) continue to be Approved Instructors as defined in the SFT Procedures Manual.

DELIVERY METHODS:

The delivery of the 2001 Firefighter II curriculum was primarily based on department specific information and was accomplished through demonstration of knowledge by the candidate through internal processes within an organization. The new 2013 Firefighter II curriculum now allows for multiple delivery methods much like Fire Fighter I. ARTPs and ALAs can now develop Fire Fighter II Academies and local agencies can continue to present the information through internal training programs.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies utilizing Fire Fighter II Certification as a minimum qualification for recruitment need to review the new Fire Fighter II (2013) Curriculum to be sure that all agency training needs are being met. If not, the local agency may need to augment the curriculum at the local level. Fire agencies should also research and understand the new task book processing procedures.

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee / program sponsor, as appropriate. ARTPs should review the new Fire Fighter II (2013) curriculum and discuss with their advisory committees to determine if the curriculum must be expanded to meet local needs. ARTPs and ALAs should insure they are prepared to conduct certification testing and understand their role in the process.